

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-5, 7-9, 12, 17-18, 25-27 are pending. Claims 6, 10, 11, 13-16, 19-24, and 28-34 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7-9, 12, 17-18, and 25-27 have been amended. In view of the amendments and the following remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's thoughtful reconsideration

**Specification:** The Examiner objected to the Specification asserting that the title is not descriptive. The Specification has been amended to address the Examiner's concerns.

**Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102:** Claims 1-9, 17, 19-20, 23-28 and 30 stand rejected as being anticipated by US Pub 2003/0065755 to Gunji. Claims 6, 19, 20, 23, 24, 28, and 30 have been cancelled and will not be addressed.

**Claim 1** is directed to a system, that as amended, includes a server. That server is configured to:

1. maintain a database having a plurality of data records, each of the plurality of data records including a printer type identification, a plurality of substitute printer driver identifications associated with the printer type identification, and a compatibility rating associated with each substitute printer driver identifications;
2. communicate one of the plurality of data records via the network and receive a response identifying a selected one of the plurality of substitute printer driver identifications included in the communicated data record; and
3. cause a printer driver identified by the selected substitute printer driver identification to derive print ready data file for future print requests directed to a printer of the particular type identified by the printer type identification that is associated with the selected substitute printer driver identification.

S/N: 10/777,372  
Case: 200300433-1  
Response to Office Action

Gunji describes an XML file containing of attribute information that specifies the attributes of printer driver provided by a server. That file identifies the address, corresponding type, the version, and the installation method, and the platform of the printer driver. See Gunji, abstract. Gunji's XML file does not include (a) a printer type identification, (b) a plurality of substitute printer driver identifications associated with the printer type identification, and (c) a compatibility rating associated with each substitute printer driver identifications. Thus, Gunji fails to teach or suggest a server configured to maintain a data base containing a plurality of such data records. Furthermore, Gunji mentions nothing of communicating one of the plurality of data records via the network and receiving a response identifying a selected one of the plurality of substitute printer driver identifications included in the communicated data record.

For at least these reasons, Claim 1 is patentable over Gunji as are Claims 2-5, 7-9, and 12 which depend from Claim 1.

**Claim 17** is directed method implementation of Claim 1. For at least the same reasons Claim 1 is patentable over Gunji, so are Claim 17 and Claim 18 which depends from Claim 17.

**Claim 25** is directed to an apparatus implementation of the system of Claim 1. For at least the same reasons Claim 1 is patentable over Gunji, so are Claim 25 and Claim 26 which depends from Claim 25.

**Claim 27** is directed to a system that includes various means for implementing the method of Claim 17. Thus, for at least the same reasons Claims 1 and 17 are patentable over Gunji, so is Claim 27.

**Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103:** Claims 10-16, 18, 29, and 34 stand rejected as being obvious over Gunji alone or in view of another reference. Claims 10, 11, 13-16, 29, and 34 have been cancelled and will not be addressed.

S/N: 10/777,372  
Case: 200300433-1  
Response to Office Action

**Claim 12** depends from Claim 1 and is patentable based at least in part on that dependency.

**Claim 18** depends from Claim 17 and is patentable based at least in part on that dependency.

**Conclusion:** It is requested that all outstanding objections and rejections be withdrawn and that this application and all presently pending claims be allowed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ward S. Foster

By /Jack H. McKinney/  
Jack H. McKinney  
Reg. No. 45,685

December 1, 2008

S/N: 10/777,372  
Case: 200300433-1  
Response to Office Action